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### What is Inside the Earth.

A very peculiar bill has been introduced in the lower house of congress, but, though peculiar it may be, for some reasons, a very proper bill and one that ought to pass. The New York Sun of Sunday gives the details of the measure, which provides that a board of army engineers shall supervise the work of boring a hole through the crust of the earth, or as deep as a drill can be make to penetrate, for the purpose of finding out what is inside of the earth. The sum of \$100,000 is to be appropriated to cover the expense of commencing the work, and a tract of land four miles square is to be selected as the site of the proposed operations.

One of the sections of the bill contains the following provision: "That the secretary of war shall make a report to the fiftieth congress showing the progress of the boring up to the date of the report, together with the views of the board as to the depth to which, with the mechanical instruments and appliances at their command, it can be carried; and that the estimates submitted by the war department for the ensuing year shall include an estimate for the amount necessary to prosecute the work during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889." From this closing clause it is evidently contemplated that the work shall be prosecuted as far and as long as practicable with the means and machinery that it may be possible to provide. The progress of the experiment, if the bill becomes a law, will be watched with the greatest interest, not only by scientific, but by intelligent people generally, who desire to find out what composes the interior of the globe on which we live.

J. C. Daniel, of Kemper, Ill., arrived on a visit to his only sister, Mrs. Dr. Lister, mother of O. P. Tomkins, while we were my in the city this week. He came through via the OSL, in five days. He had not seen his sister for thirty-three years, and Ol. had to put up a joke on his mother at the reception, but it was a very happy surprise after

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